

# **The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Technical Advisory Committee**

## **May 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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### **Attendance**

#### *TAC Members*

Steve Bay (Chair)	Present
Mas Dojiri (Vice Chair)	Absent
Rich Ambrose	Present
John Dorsey	Present
Phyllis Grifman	Present
Rainer Hoenicke	Present
Karen Martin	Present
Dan Pondella	Present
Eric Sein	Present

#### *SMBNEP Staff Present*

Tom Ford,  
Guangyu Wang  
Karina Johnston (via phone)

#### *Members of the Public*

Erica Yelensky, US EPA (via phone)  
Phil Markle, LACSD  
Michael Omary, Bio-Swift

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Steve Bay called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. Round robin introductions followed.

### **2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **3. General Business**

- a. Order of Agenda: There was no change to the order of agenda.
- b. Approval of Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved. Moved by: Phyllis Grifman, Seconded by: Dan Pondella.
- c. Reports from the Chair, Subcommittees, and Staff  
Steve Bay gave an update on the last Governing Board meeting, which included adoption of the annual work plan, adoption of the Prop. 12 award process, and presentation of goals recommended by the TAC for the revised Bay Restoration Plan. Steve informed GB members' appreciation for TAC's work.

Wang gave an update of the last Executive Committee meeting and informed the Committee regarding the availability of the remaining Prop. 50 grant funds. John Dorsey suggested to establish a small group to develop priorities and criteria for awarding of the grant fund for implementing the CMP. Rainer suggested staff to check the enabling authority and policy on the non-competitive process for grant awards. Rich Ambrose and Steve Bay volunteered to be members of the small group.

Guangyu Wang invited Tom Ford to give an update on activities carried out by the Bay Foundation in accordance to the SMBNEP annual work plan. Tom informed the Committee about the new internship positions provided under the Coastal Research Institute (CRI) and answered member questions.

d. Member Comment

There were no member comments.

4. Update and Discussion: Update on work group progress in developing specific habitat indicators and monitoring metrics under the CMP habitat assessment framework.

Karina Johnston recapped TAC recommendations from the last meeting. TAC members leading each workgroup reported on their workgroup meetings and remaining issues identified during these meetings. Discussion on these issues followed. The following instructions were recommended to the follow-up workgroup meetings:

1. Confirm ranking of climate change stressors – or at least identify the most important ones that are driving vulnerability.
2. Identify, track, and provide an ability to quantify the level of climate change stressors, especially for data that will lead towards an evaluation of the threshold towards a management actions.
3. Identify which are already being tracked on regional scale and what should be measured at a habitat-specific level.
4. Keep track of interactions among the different stressors (anthropogenic and climatic together) and make sure that interactions factor into the impact, and how those combined will trigger management actions

5. Presentation and Discussion: Update on the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan (BRP) revision process – draft action recommendations

Karina Johnston introduced the components of the BRP and the phases of revision process. Johnston went through 2013 BRP goals, presented draft goals for the 2019 BRP, and pointed out that many actions will fit multiple goals. Johnston also pointed out that new BRP structure will tie actions to long-term environmental outcomes.

Discussion on the new BRP goals and performance metrics followed. TAC recommended that the BRP actions be categorized to better communicate the mechanisms that each action used to achieve the BRP goals. The suggested action categories are:

- Direct Management Actions
- Monitoring/Research
- Education / Stakeholder participation
- Policy or Governance
- Funding and partnership Development

6. Presentation: On-going research projects at the Coastal Research Institute and The Bay Foundation supporting the implementation of the Bay Restoration Plan

Tom presented projects sponsored by, and recent activities of the Coastal Research Institute in conjunction with the Bay Foundation, especially the interns hired to conduct a variety of research projects in the summer, and answered questions

The meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.